

The Rectory,
Fort Wellington,
Barbice.

1st Dec. 1888

Dear Archdeacon Swythe

Many thanks for yours of the 29th ult.
and for the humble letter. Probably your urging will
have some effect - as there is some hint in
consequence of Mr. Cooper being unwilling to have himself
looked upon as a layman. If he is to retain the power of naming
people or to prevent see how the Government can treat
him as a layman.

The appointment is objectionable for several reasons: -
first it looks so much like a piece of jobbing on the
part of the Government. The Committee in charge of
the Settlements are so much opposed to it.

If I understand your letter aright - the Government,
in face of the decision arrived at by the Combined
Crest and Security of State with respect to the Churches
would, if they thought fit, appoint - clergy to be Magistrates
Commissioners &c. I think the press and public would have
something to say on the subject.
I send for the Bishop of the Mail

Yours sincerely,
Thos. Swythe

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The Rectory,
Fort Wellington,
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22nd Nov. 1898

Dear Archdeacon

It is an open secret that the Governor is endeavoring to appoint the Rev. Mr. Cropper to be Superintendent of 2 Indian Settlements. The matter is of interest to me, one of the proposed settlements being in this parish. As far as I can hear the reverend gentleman has in no way up to the present disavowed himself of his ministerial character so the proposed appointment is unexceptionable in face of the government's attitude on the question of disestablishment. I have made inquiries, among persons likely to know, as to any special qualifications he may possess to induce the Governor to make such an appointment but all that I have been able to learn is that Mr. Cropper was once a clerk with the Governor but that he has no particular knowledge of Maori work. If the appointment is made I think there should be a distinct

assurance given that he should cease to be a
 Minister of the Canadian Presbyterian Mission, and
 that he be made to confine himself to the temporal
 affairs of the Settlements and not interfere in
 spiritual matters at all.

With kind regards

Believe me

Yours sincerely

J. S. Smith

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 Entirely new to me
 with surprise at the building
 of any sort by me is
 needed or desirable.
 I do not know how to
 debar from other occupations.
 Pres. Minister are
 perhaps abolitionists but as a layman
 he would have to resolve that not with the
 (Presby. Mission)?
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 missionary or
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 other meetings